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SENATOR CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$1.6 MILLION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee has announced today that the Rhode Island Justice Commission (RIJC) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,634,578 for victims of substance abuse. Distributed by the U.S. Department of Justice, the grant comes under the fiscal year 2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The RIJC will use these funds to continue the implementation of the Substance Abuse Treatment program, Drug Court for adults and juveniles, and other rehabilitation services.

“Programs devoted to treating and rehabilitating citizens who are suffering hardships such as substance addiction are essential to Rhode Island. This funding will ensure that these programs continue to treat those who need them with a minimal burden on the taxpayers of our state,” Senator Chafee said. “These programs will care for offenders through supervision and other techniques to ensure their smooth transition back into communities,” he continued.

This funding will enable the RIJC to develop programs using new technology to enhance the existing Justice Link public safety network, providing increased supervision and access to resources for violators. In addition to these improvements, enhanced forensic laboratory services will be provided, and funds will be reserved for community defense advocacy, including community liaisons and public education.

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